

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, a new paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications has been added. The above amendment to the specification is respectfully requested pursuant to the Petition for Claim for Foreign Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) and 37 CFR §1.55(c) filed concurrently herewith.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 15, and 19 are cancelled. Claim 12 is currently amended to incorporate Claim 15. Claims 4, 5, 8, 16, 17, and 18 had been previously cancelled. Claims 7, 9-14, and 20-22 remain in this Application.

Applicant is submitting an Information Disclosure Statement concurrently herewith. Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and its contents is respectfully requested.

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, Applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned Application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,



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